

## House Resolution 1603

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 12, 2008, as Columbus, Georgia Day at the Capitol and inviting business  
2 leaders from Muscogee County to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Columbus is an authentic river town, with the gently rolling waters of the  
5 Chattahoochee providing food, energy, employment, and recreation for the citizens of  
6 Columbus throughout the years; and

7 WHEREAS, Columbus is located at the center of most of Georgia's major attractions,  
8 including nationally-renowned Callaway Gardens, Roosevelt's Little White House, and  
9 Westville the Village of 1850, and the city is less than an hour's drive from Georgia's most  
10 popular state-wide destinations; and

11 WHEREAS, locally, the city offers a variety of fine attractions such as the State Theatre of  
12 Georgia, the historic Springer Opera House, Port Columbus Civil War Naval Center, the  
13 National Infantry Museum, the Columbus Museum, and the beautiful Historic District, circa  
14 1850-1870; and

15 WHEREAS, renovated in the 1970's, the historic Columbus Iron Works, now The Columbus  
16 Georgia Convention and Trade Center, was once a munitions factory during the Civil War  
17 and still displays its early wares including items from Civil War cannons to iceboxes,  
18 produced in the early 1800's, and today the facility is recognized as one of the nation's finest  
19 examples of "adaptive reuse," offering 182,000 square feet of space; and

20 WHEREAS, the South Commons Complex is the finest collection of sports facilities to be  
21 found at one location, with the centerpiece of the complex the Columbus Civic Center, which  
22 opened in 1996, a 10,000 seat venue and a true multi-purpose facility; and

1 WHEREAS, a brand new addition to South Commons is a 2,500 seat softball stadium, which  
2 is surrounded by a seven field softball complex and provides Columbus with the opportunity  
3 to host any size softball event; and

4 WHEREAS, Memorial Stadium is a 17,000 seat football stadium that has been recently  
5 refurbished and hosts college football powers Albany State and Ft. Valley State, and the  
6 Tuskegee-Morehouse Football Classic; and

7 WHEREAS, there is also historic Golden Park, a 4,500 seat baseball stadium that is home  
8 to the Columbus Catfish Professional Baseball Team and was the Olympic venue for the  
9 Women's Fastpitch Softball competition; and

10 WHEREAS, as Georgia's third largest city, Columbus is a vibrant and growing community  
11 of 250,000 people, and besides being home to the best Army Installation in the World at Fort  
12 Benning, Columbus is the corporate headquarters of many of the United States' leading  
13 companies such as AFLAC Insurance, Carmike Cinemas, Char-Broil, TSYS, and Tom's  
14 Snack Foods.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
16 the members of this body recognize Columbus for its vitality and for the value it brings to  
17 Georgia, declare March 12, 2008, as Columbus, Georgia Day at the Capitol, and invite  
18 business leaders from Muscogee County to appear before this body on a date and time  
19 designated by the Speaker of the House for the purposes of being recognized by the House  
20 and receiving appropriate copies of this resolution.